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Human Rights Award recipient announced (01/12/07)

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EDITOR'S NOTE -- The 2001 Human Rights Award will be presented to Alida Léveillé-Brown at a ceremony at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 8 at the New Brunswick Community College gymnasium, 47 Village Avenue, Campbellton.

CAMPBELLTON (CNB) . -- Lt.-Gov. Marilyn Trenholme Counsell will present the 2001 New Brunswick Human Rights Award to Campbellton resident Alida Léveillé-Brown Dec. 8 in a ceremony held at the New Brunswick Community College in Campbellton.

Each year, the award is given by the New Brunswick Human Rights Commission to a New Brunswick individual or group that has shown outstanding effort, achievement and leadership on a volunteer basis in the promotion of human rights and, as such, serves as an example to all New Brunswickers.

Léveillé-Brown has selflessly devoted her time and energy to promote dignity and self-respect for her fellow citizens, her community and her region. A teacher by profession, she was pivotal in ensuring that education was available to all members of the anglophone, francophone and native communities in the Campbellton area through extension courses. While a school principal, she championed the rights of disabled students to receive a quality education and to actively participate in the community. Léveillé-Brown also pressed for pay equity and maternity leave for women and for the establishment of day-care centres and transition houses in the region. In all these activities, her greatest satisfaction and reward has been seeing the positive results they achieved for the members of her community.

Léveillé-Brown maintains that it takes many people in a community to accomplish things and to keep them going. She achieved her goals, in part, through her participation in the Northern New Brunswick Regional Development Council, the Maison Notre-Dame Transition House, the New Brunswick Advisory Council on the Status of Women and the Campbellton Dames d'Acadie. She also served three terms on Campbellton's City Council and currently holds several positions in community organizations.

She attributes her success in no small part to the loving support of her family. While teaching school full-time and studying at university part-time, she raised six children with her late husband, Robert. She hopes to continue in life with her present husband, Adrian, while still involving herself in the community.

Léveillé-Brown was named a Paul Harris Fellow by the Campbellton Rotary Club in 1999 for her outstanding commitment to humanitarian causes and volunteer activities. The Université de Moncton bestowed her a Medal of Honour for her tireless work in continuing education. She received the

Centennial Award from the City of Campbellton in 1989 for outstanding contribution to improving the lives of local people and the community.

The Human Rights Award was established by the Human Rights Commission in 1988 to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. It is presented each year around Dec. 10, which is International Human Rights Day.

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